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Cryptosporidium Update

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department announced today that the outbreak of Cryptosporidium in Douglas County appears to be over. The decision came after consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). It has been three weeks since a laboratory-confirmed case of Cryptosporidium has been reported in Douglas County indicating that two incubation periods for the infection have passed without a new case. There may still be some sporadic cases reported in Douglas County due to on-going surveillance activities.

The Health Department continues to emphasize hand washing after using the bathroom and before preparing or eating food and not swimming when ill with diarrhea or for two weeks after the end of diarrhea.